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To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to issue loan guarantees for development projects in Ireland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GUARANTEED LENDING PROGRAM FOR IRISH**
4 **DEVELOPMENT.**

5 The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by
6 inserting after section 231A (22 U.S.C. 2191a) the follow-
7 ing new section:

1 **“SEC. 231B. GUARANTEED LENDING PROGRAM FOR IRISH**
2 **DEVELOPMENT.**

3 “(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

4 “(1) to create more employment opportunities
5 in the United States and Ireland; and

6 “(2) to increase United States exports to, and
7 the United States trade surplus with, the European
8 Community.

9 “(b) AUTHORITY.—During the period beginning on
10 the date of enactment of this section, and ending on Sep-
11 tember 30, 1995, the Overseas Private Investment Cor-
12 poration (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Cor-
13 poration’) shall, consistent with the purposes of subsection
14 (a), issue guarantees against losses incurred in connection
15 with loans to United States firms for the establishment
16 or maintenance of low-cost, financially viable distribution
17 facilities in Ireland that utilize United States manufac-
18 tured products and components.

19 “(c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOAN GUARAN-
20 TEES.—(1) The total principal amount of guarantees
21 which may be issued by the Corporation under this section
22 shall not exceed \$200,000,000. The total amount of guar-
23 antees authorized under this section shall be made avail-
24 able during the period from the date of enactment of this
25 section through September 30, 1995, except that, in the
26 event that less than \$200,000,000 of guarantees is issued

1 in such period, the authority to issue the balance of such
2 guarantees shall be available in the fiscal year ending on
3 September 30, 1995. Each guarantee issued by the Cor-
4 poration under this section shall guarantee 100 percent
5 of the principal and interest payable on such loans.

6 “(2) Guarantees, once issued by the Corporation
7 hereunder, shall be unconditional and fully and freely
8 transferable.

9 “(3) The standard terms of any loan or increment
10 guaranteed by the Corporation under this section shall be
11 30 years, with semiannual payments of interest only over
12 the first 10 years, and with semiannual payments of prin-
13 cipal and interest, on a level-payment basis, over the last
14 20 years thereof, except that the guaranteed loan or any
15 increments issued in a single transaction may include obli-
16 gations having different maturities, interest rates, and
17 payment terms if the aggregate scheduled debt service for
18 all obligations issued in a single transaction equals the
19 debt service for a single loan or increment of like amount
20 having the standard terms described in this sentence. For
21 purposes of determining the maximum principal amount
22 of any loan to be guaranteed under this section, the prin-
23 cipal amount of each such loan shall be—

1 “(A) in the case of any loan issued on a dis-
2 count basis, the original issue price (excluding any
3 transaction costs) thereof; or

4 “(B) in the case of any loan issued on an inter-
5 est-bearing basis, the stated principal amount there-
6 of.

7 “(d) FEES.—(1) Reasonable origination or scoring
8 charges for the loan guarantee program under this section
9 are to be paid pro rata as each guarantee or increment
10 of guarantee is issued. Such charges may be financed as
11 part of the loans or increments guaranteed under this sec-
12 tion. Except for the charges provided in this section, no
13 other fees or charges shall be payable to the Corporation
14 in connection with the loan guarantee program.

15 “(2) Paragraph (1) does not in any way preclude the
16 voluntary participation of eligible investors in any other
17 OPIC program which may or may not require the payment
18 of charges.

19 “(e) NONAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.—The
20 loan guarantees authorized to be issued under this section
21 may be made available under the terms and conditions
22 specified in this section notwithstanding any other provi-
23 sion of law, rule, regulation, or practice, except for the
24 Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990.

1 “(f) SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS.—The authority
2 to issue loan guarantees under this section may be exer-
3 cised only to such extent or in such amounts as are pro-
4 vided in advance in appropriation Acts. Appropriations
5 made pursuant to such authority are authorized to remain
6 available during the period beginning on the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act, and ending September 30, 1995.

8 “(g) SAVINGS PROVISION.—The termination of the
9 authorities of this section on September 30, 1995, shall
10 not affect any guarantee issued before such date.”.

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